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REF: VIENTIANE 7506

1. AIRLIFT OF SECOND CONTINGENT OF LPF PERSONNEL TO VIENTIANE AND LUANG PRABANG HAS CONTINUED. ON NOVEMBER 5 AND 6, SOVIET AN-12 FLIGHTS BROUGHT TO VIENTIANE 308 PERSONNEL, INCLUDING 77 ATTIRED IN CIVILIAN CLOTHING, 71 WITH STANDARD LPF UNIFORMS (OF WHOM 67 CARRIED AK-47'S), AND 160 UNIFORMED PERSONNEL WITH BROWN BELTS AND PISTOLS (PRESUMABLY LPF "POLICEMEN"). AN-12 CARGO INCLUDED AMMUNITION BOXES SUFFICIENT TO FILL SEVEN TWO-AND-ONE-HALF-TON TRUCKS, PLUS RICE, FURNITURE, NUMEROUS BAGS AND PACKAGES WITH UNIDENTIFIABLE CONTENTS, AND 23 FIFTY-FIVE-GALLON DRUMS.

2. ON THE SAME DAYS, PRC IL-14'S CARRIED 166 PERSONNEL TO LUANG
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PRABANG, INCLUDING 48 CIVILIANS AND 118 UNIFORMED PERSONNEL

(ALL BUT 12 OF WHOM CARRIED AK-47'S). CARGO FOR LUANG PRABANG INCLUDED NUMBER OF BOXES OF AMMUNITION, SOME BAGS AND BOXES WITH UNIDENTIFIABLE CONTENTS, FURNITURE, AND EVEN THREE CASES OF BEER AND ONE CASE OF WHAT APPEARED TO BE CHAMPAGNE GLASSES.

3. INCLUDING THE 235 LPF PERSONNEL WHO ARRIVED NOVEMBER 3, SEVEN HUNDRED NINE MEMBERS OF THE SECOND CONTINGENT HAVE NOW ARRIVED (463 IN VIENTIANE; 246 IN LUANG PRABANG). TOTAL NUMBER OF LPF PERSONNEL AIRLIFTED SINCE OCTOBER 9 IS NOW ABOUT 840 TO VIENTIANE AND 280 TO LUANG PRABANG. FLIGHTS SCHEDULED TO CONTINUE NOVEMBER 7.

4. NVA RALLIER HAS INDICATED THAT OFFICERS AND TROOPS OF LPF 16TH BATTALION ARE AMONG PERSONNEL WHO ARRIVED VIENTIANE OCTOBER 9-18. IN PHOTOS OF THOSE PERSONNEL, RALLIER IDENTIFIED BATTALION COMMANDER, VARIOUS BATTALION STAFF OFFICERS, COMPANY AND PLATOON CADRE. SIXTEENTH BATTALION FORMERLY OPERATED IN SAVANNAKHET PROVINCE, BUT REPORTEDLY LEFT THAT AREA LAST JUNE FOR TRAINING. BATTALION IS REPUTEDLY EXPERIENCED AND WELL-DISCIPLINED. WHITEHOUSE

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